Electoral Reforms

1167. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals of electoral reforms like use of electronic voting machines, issuing of identity cards to all voters, delimitation of constituencies, rotation of reserved seats, registration and regulation of political parties are pending consideration of Government; and

(b) if so, by when a decision on these is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A decision is likely to be taken early.

Production of T.V. Sets

1168. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that there is a spurt in the production of black and white and coloured T.V. sets;

(b) what is the cost of foreign components used in these T.V. sets; and

(c) whether Government propose to stop import of these components for the T.V. sets manufactured in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The growth in physical terms for B&W TV Sets in 1987 has been 48.8 per cent as against 19.5 per cent in 1988 and that of Colour TV (CTV) Sets in 1987 has been 29.4% as against 25% in 1986.

(b) It is estimated that the CIF Value of the imported components accounts for 3 to 5% and 30 to 35% of the average Bill of components/material for B&W and CTV sets respectively.

(c) Progressive indigenisation of the components is already under implementation. Investments by the industry have already been made for the manufacture of critical components. The imports of such components will be regulated depending upon their indigenous availability.

Low Quality of Science Journals

1169. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian science jornals are generally low in quality as per CSIR survey published in 'Indian Express' of 13th July, 1988;

(b) whether results of this survey giving full names and details of these journals have been published;

(c) whether journals belonging to Government organisations including those funded partly or fully from public funds such as ICAR, ICMR, ICSSR etc., also belong to this poor quality and if so, corrective steps proposed; and

(d) whether Government are aware that funds given to some societies by Government are being used to bring out journals to advance the personal interests of powerful members?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The statement made in 'the Indian Express' dated 13th July, 1988 are the opinions expressed by individual authors and not that of CSIR.